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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On February 14, 2005, a personal interview ("the Interview") took place regarding the above-identified application. Participants at the Interview were Examiner E. Slobodyansky and Applicants' undersigned representative.

As is correctly reflected in the Interview Summary mailed February 16, 2005, Paper No. 22005, all of the claims of record, *i.e.*, pending Claims 27, 29-40, 45, and 47-53 and unentered, proposed Claim 54, were discussed. During the Interview, in addition to the items correctly listed in the Substance of Interview portion of the Interview Summary mailed February 16, 2005, Examiner Slobodyansky and Applicants' representative discussed: the broad nature of Applicants' invention, the pending specification objections and claim objections, the pending 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections, potential amendments to the claims (including amending the independent claims to more accurately reflect the relationship of the peptide of interest to the helper peptide and protective peptide) and proposed language therefor, potential amendments to the Sequence Listing (including deleting what had been listed as SEQ ID NO:25), draft marked-up and clean substitute specifications, and Applicants' possibility of filing a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in the above-identified application.

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In the event there are any questions regarding this Statement, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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